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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, UR

SUBJECT: REFUSAL OF AGRICULTURAL TRAVEL TO NEW LANDS

REF: STATE 196786

1. SUMMARY: MFA PROTOCOL DIVISION (SEMYENOV).NOTIFIED EMBASSY AUGUST 12 THAT LATEST TRAVEL REQUEST BY AGATTACHE OFFICE TO SURVEY CROP CONDITIONS IN NEW LANDS (REFTEL) COULD NOT BE REGISTERED. AGATTACHE RECOMMENDATIONS SET OUT IN PARAS 5 AND 6 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA PROTOCOL NOTIFIED EMBASSY TRAVEL OFFICER AUGUST 12 THAT REQUESTED TRAVEL BY ASST AGATTACHE TO PAVLODAR AND BARNAUL COULD NOT BE REGISTERED. CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION FOR PAVLODAR WAS DENIED AND BARNAUL WAS CLOSED FOR "REASONS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE." ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL PRECLUDED BY MFA'S LATE NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL REFUSAL.

3. AGATTACHES CALLED ON MFA PROTOCOL SECTION AUGUST 13 TO APEAL DECISION, WHICH PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, FURTHER ACTION BY EMBASSY CONSIDERED IN-APPROPRIATE (I.E., DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA REQUESTING RE-CONSIDERATION OF REFUSAL).

4. ATTEMPT TO SOLICIT MIN. AG. INTERVENTION WITH MFA ON ABOVE TRIP THROUGH USSR-US SECRETARIAT, KOVALEV, ALSO PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL.

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5. THIS WAS THIRD TRAVEL REQUEST DENIED THIS YEAR TO AGATTACHE'S OFFICE. FOLLOWING ACTIONS PLANNED IN EFFORT TO GAIN BETTER ACCESS IN FUTURE TO CLOSED AREAS AND POINTS OFF INTOURIST ROUTES, PARTICULARLY AREAS IN VOLGA REGION, KAZAKHSTAN AND SIBERIA: (A) AG.ATTACHE CALL ON MIN.AG., USSR-US SECRETARIAT, OUTLINING PROBLEM AND ASKING THAT MIN. AG. WRITE MFA ON THIS MATTER, INDICATING THAT ATTACHE TRAVEL IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATED TO US-USSR AGREEMENT AND THAT MIN.AG. SUPPORTS SUCH TRAVEL; (B) FOLLOW-UP LETTER TP DEPUTY MIN. RUNOV, MIN. AG., THIS SUBJECT (RUNOV ON VACATION IN AUGUST) AND AGATTACHE CALL ON RUNOV WHEN HE RETURNS, IF NEEDED.

6. TO STRENGTHEN THIS EFFORT, REQUEST THAT USDA-US/USSR SECRETARIAT PREPARE LETTER FOR SIGNATURE AT APPROPRIATE USDA LEVEL TO RUNOV ON THIS MATTER.

7. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON PARAS 5 AND 6 ACTION REQUESTED.

8. EMBASSY REPORTING PAVLODAR-BARNAUL TRAVEL DENIAL SEPARATELY IN EVENT DEPT OF STATE CONSIDERS RECIPROCAL TRAVEL REFUSAL AGAINST SOVIET EMBASSY/W PERSONNEL APPROPRIATE. STOESSEL

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